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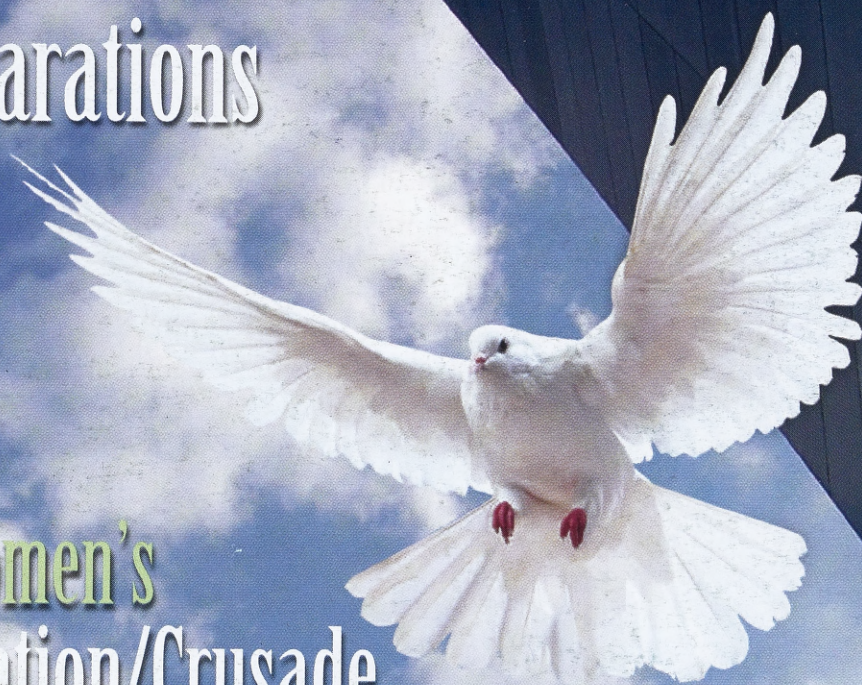
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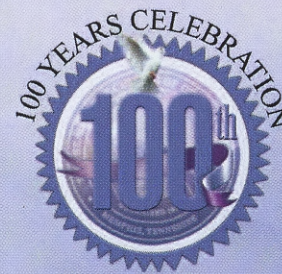
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## Something to feel good about!

Dr. David Allen Hall, Sr.



I don't have much to say at this time. I am really in a mood of remembering situations and events of the past, and maybe this editorial will not appeal to the masses. Two things strike my imagination at this time and they are totally unrelated. First, I am thankful for the Presiding Bishop's decision and positive action for renovating the old Lee Administration Building. I remember that building in the latter days of its usefulness being a quasi hotel for saints. The glory of the building and the name of Deacon Lee, a trusted and loyal servant of Bishop C.H. Mason, have all but disappeared. As long as I could remember the building was run down or closed. Second, I remember the story of the women, gone on to be with the Lord, who rode the first train to Los Angeles. Women of the Church Of God In Christ were bold, powerful and filled with confidence because they had the audacity to charter a train across the country. That was a time of segregation and civil unrest. Our little COGIC sisters put on their hats and got behind Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey and crossed America singing and praising God. I remember the stories some shared about the fun and unforgettable events that were in Women's Convention history.

I am glad for the renovation of the Lee Building because it suggests that we appreciate the legacy handed this generation from our Forbearers. We could have continued to allow that building to waste away and into total dilapidation, but that would have been irresponsible and short sighted on our part. That building on Historic Mason Temple Campus is a testimony of how a near broke and beleaguered people rose above the obvious condition of that day to achieve and build. They left us with a godly spirit and a spirit of personal accomplishment. Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. has recognized the worth of the Lee Administration Building and has an aggressive and smart man on task to complete it. We are all better for that.

Finally, our women reenacted the train ride during the 60th Women's International Convention. Only a few wore their big hats and not many truly rode the train across the country. What is important to me is simply that our women have persevered. Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey would be godly proud of Mother Willie Mae Rivers and this modern day group of ladies. They can ride new cars, fly in the fastest jets or take first class accommodations across the country on the train, if they wanted to do so. The women of the Church Of God In Christ have been faithful over the few things given them. Now they are the masters of many great and wonderful opportunities. Our COGIC women look rich in class, style and Spirit. They looked marvelous at the train station. Their presence was a tribute to God and to the pioneering women of the Church Of God In Christ.

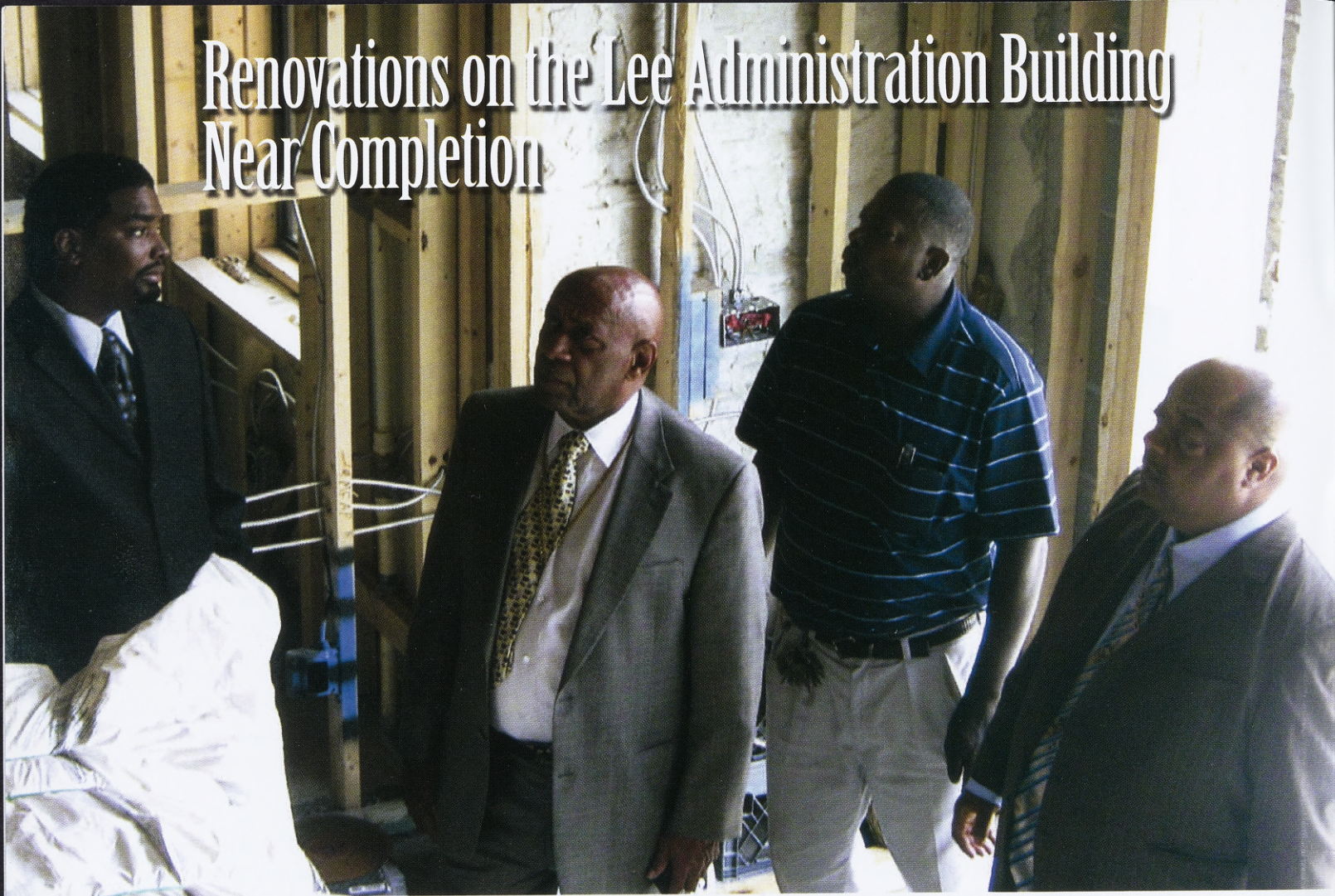
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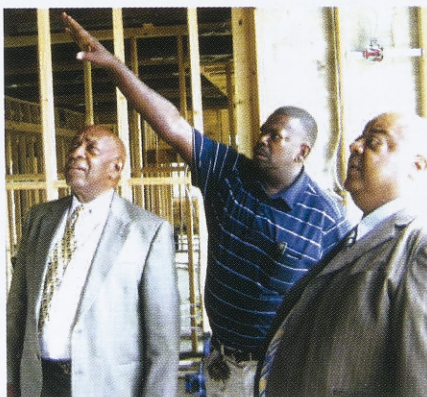


# Renovations on the Lee Administration Building Near Completion



Bishop Sedgwick Daniels leads Bishop Jerry L. Maynard, Elder C.H. Mason Patterson and Contractor John Garrett on sight inspection

Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, General Board member and project Chairman for the Lee Building Renovation Project did a comprehensive progress evaluation. The historic building has sat on the Headquarters campus in a state of near dilapidation. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. wants to utilize current holdings to expand Church operations and situate ministries; therefore the property presented real possibilities. Now the campus area at Mason Temple is alive with hard hat wearing laborers and others bringing the Lee Building back to code. The goal to complete the Lee Building for dedication in September is being pursued with all energy. Elder Charles Patterson, Superintendent of National Properties reported with Bro. John Garrett, Construction Supervisor that things are on line. Bishop Daniels was doing the critical calculations and providing encouragement for the local team to press forward. The saints are coming back to Memphis to celebrate Bishop C.H. Mason birthday in September and the General Council of Pastors and Elders will conduct their annual convention that same week.



Bishop Maynard and Daniels discuss the elevator shaft

"The Lee Building Project is well on the way to rehabilitation; though it was gutted and literally rebuilt, the work is progressing. The saints have been faithful with monetary contributions and our task is to stay on time and budget," said Bishop Daniels. Presiding Bishop Blake endeavors to dedicate the property and host an Open House during the C.H. Mason Birthday Celebration. In Memphis, the week of September 8-10 will be alive with a flurry of activity.

The renovation effort is significant and similar to every effort toward building up the Headquarters campus. Bishop Mason and the saints built the Mason Temple under the stress and strain of World War II. They did not allow major economic issues and personal hardships to stop the building efforts. Bishop Mason had a strong Department of Women who shouldered much of the fund raising during his 1940's effort. Many pastors were mobilized supporting

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their local ministries against tremendous war time odds. The auxiliary support of the Department of Women made the erection of Mason Temple possible. Today, the leadership is faced with a deteriorating economy and a scattered national focus. The leadership is gallantly pursuing the building effort believing in the same God that Bishop Mason believed would make all things possible. The saints of today have responded very well and the Lee Administration Building is developing.

Bishop Daniels engaged in an on site inspection of the project and walked with the National Superintendent of Properties, Elder Charles Patterson; Contractor, Bro. John Garrett and Bishop Jerry M. Maynard. After the touring of the facility, Bishop Daniels said, "The building project is in hand. We are working smarter and harder to bring this to a successful conclusion. When the saints tour the building during Open House, they will enjoy how the vision and effort of our leaders materialized. These



Bishop Sedgwick Daniels examines construction charges and production with Superintendent Charles H. Mason Patterson and Contractor, John Garrett

offices will provide ample space for our department officials and Church administrative personnel." Bishop Daniels wrestled with every aspect of the building, knowing his efforts are an integral part of the vision. Bro. John Garrett stated the offices and conference rooms will be a far cry from the old Lee Building. Bro. Garrett spoke of how the elevator, decorations, colors, and floor-

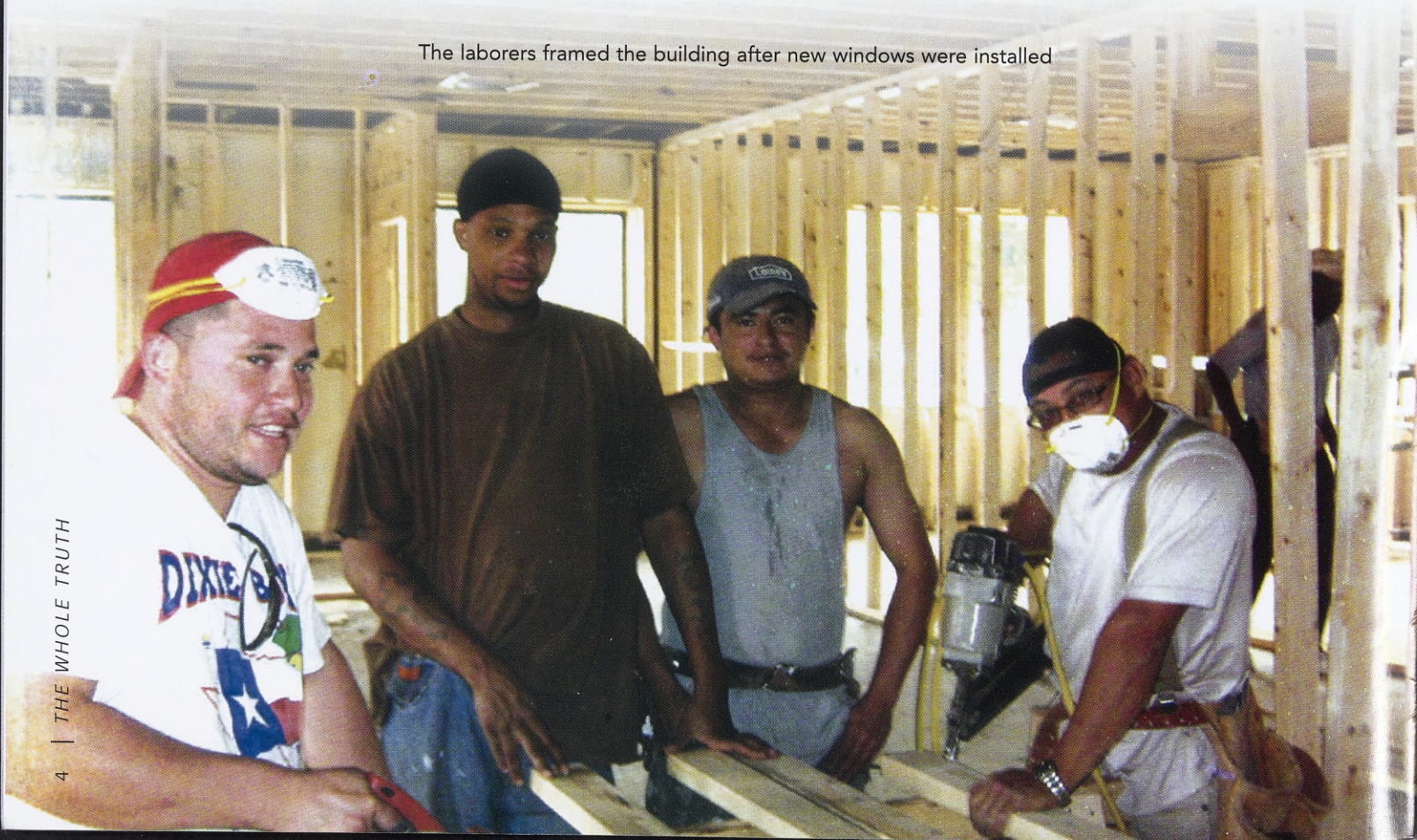
ing, etc., would make the building truly great. As the gentlemen toured the building they spoke of where the staff would work and the general offices would be positioned. Elder Patterson having the daunting task of daily over site of the project, he commented, "Our goal is to get it right. Bringing this old building back to life is a difficult but worthy task."

Seeing the building in the incomplete state made the conversation very interesting. Everyone has the

hope and belief that everything will be in place by September.

Bishop Daniels commented, "Our goal to bring this building back to use demonstrates the ingenuity and character of our leader, Bishop Blake. We are here reclaiming a part of our past for the future. This is exciting!"

The laborers framed the building after new windows were installed





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## It is not too late!



# AIM in Charlotte, North Carolina



Charlotte, North Carolina – July 5th -9th, 2010, the gathering for the traditional Summer Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM) meeting was historic. Bishop Designate, J. Drew Sheard and the AIM committee displayed the best our Church has to offer. The AIM committee consisted of Bishop Carlis Moody, Missions Department, Elder Willie James Campbell and Elect Lady Rita Womack, Evangelism Department; Dr. Judith McAllister, Music Department; Elder Linwood Dillard and Missionary Joyce Rodgers, Youth Department and Bishop Alton Gatlin and Field Representative Georgia Macklin Lowe, Sunday School Department. They all were poised to bring only the best to the saints.

AIM is the summer convention and the numbers of youth were evident. The young people were everywhere. They came in all shapes, sizes and interest. The Church Of God In Christ is blessed with an abundance of youth. God has continued to show His grace upon the Church

with the challenge to educate, train and develop the gifts of our children. The responsibility for AIM 2010 was to touch its delegates with informative seminars, Spirit filled worship and fellowship. As one youth said, “There is so much to do! I have to choose the best because it is all good!”

The downtown convention center hosted the many daily worship services, but the departmental headquarters hotels were filled with specialized activities. The convention accommodations were excellent. The facilities gave each auxiliary capacity to demonstrate both programs and talented individuals opportunity to conduct their agenda. There were events like the Prayer Breakfast and the President’s Forum for missions. The Mission counterpart, Evangelism, has new leadership that has brought flair and energy to the most basic of Church pursuits: winning souls for Christ. The Music and Youth Convention offered far more than opportunities to dis-





AIM Chairman, Bishop Sheard meets the winners

play talents. Pastor Dillard and Evangelist Joyce Rodgers had the youth in awe with their power packed presentation. Dr. McAllister and staff reaffirmed why the Church Of God In Christ produces so many gifted musicians and singers. Nobody works any harder than the individuals training others to sing and perform. The Sunday School Department was the center of practical training. Bishop Alton Gatlin and staff were serious about building local church Sunday School attendance and increasing knowledge of the Bible. The unique programming and high energy seminars proved to be motivational and educational.

All day long the departments continued to perform separately to develop that special emphasis for their own area of expertise. Nightly, Bishop Designate Sheard brought everyone together. The main auditorium in the convention center was nearly filled to capacity nightly. The Church Of God In Christ is not recession proof, but

the activities and worships of AIM encourage people from around the country to attend. If local congregations are having trouble getting their youth to worship it is apparent the AIM Convention is successful in that pursuit.

Elder Michael Eaddy, Director of the Scholastic Motivation Ministries had an array of programs and activities for the delegates. Children have talents but getting them to display the gifts God has bestowed upon them can be a challenge. In 2010, Elder Eaddy had the following activities to promote the youth: SMM Village Ribbon Cutting & Street Naming Ceremony, SMM Breakfast, Youth Talent Hour, Networking Social, SMM Village Council Election, COGIC Ladies & Gentlemen "Connections," Talent Showcase, "Unrequited," and Holy Millionaires Luncheon. ☺





# Convocation Preparations Are Underway

The word is clear, "Don't miss the Holy Convocation in St. Louis, Missouri!" The Leadership of the Church Of God In Christ is working with deliberate speed to prepare for the 103rd International Holy Convocation. For the first time in the history of the Church, its headquarters, Memphis, Tennessee, will not be the site where the annual gathering will take place. Historically, delegates convened in Memphis and delighted in sharing fellowship and cultivating ministries for their fledgling congregations back at home. Bishop C.H. Mason and Mother Lizzie Robinson never envisioned the day when the Church Of God In Christ would conduct an International Holy Convocation outside of Memphis, Tennessee. This is a different time and God is working in a different way. The attendance of the saints will help the process of returning back to Memphis. The old adage states, "Home is where the heart is!" For the saints, home is where God is! The Lord will meet us in St. Louis and we will feel very much at home.

Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and the members of the General Board are making sure that everything will be fine. The best accommodations for housing and conducting the convention are being assembled. The city leaders of St. Louis, Missouri have laid down the welcome mat anticipating the massive crowds that gather annually to praise God. For the first time in years, the entire assembly will meet under one roof. Unlike Memphis, the St. Louis convention site is massive and will hold the delegates collectively.

COGIC Convention Services have arranged for the best quality of hotel living. The Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel and Suites Hotel is the Headquarters Hotel. The Hotel is situated directly across the street from the St. Louis America's Center. Housing is filling up and the delegates who wait too long may find the best rooms only at premium rates. The normal 30-40,000 delegates will be present and St. Louis, Missouri has the facilities to house our Convention.





The St. Louis America's Center is the site where all services will be held. It is a massive 500,000 sq. ft. building that features contiguous space and multiple venues. There is a 340,000 sq. ft. exhibit space, 80 flexible meeting rooms, the 1,411 seat multi-purpose Ferrara Theater, a 28,000 sq. ft. ballroom and the fabulous Edward Jones Dome that seats more than 60,000 people. On the Official Day, the saints will gather for worship in a half dome arrangement style. The Presiding Bishop will address the entire delegation of saints personally. This has not been accomplished for many years. Everyone will be able to experience the high and Holy day of the Church Of God In Christ together.

All activities such as the General Assembly, Department sessions, dinners, etc., shall also be conducted in the St. Louis America's Center. The 1 to 3 year hiatus in St. Louis will proclaim a clarion message to Memphis, Tennessee that suitable accommodations are mandatory to regaining the Holy Convocation. Likewise, the nearly \$50 million infusion into the economy merits much respect.

Our goal is to return to Memphis, but circumstances must improve.

The saints are concerned about the move to St Louis, Missouri, but it is important to note that our leaders have worked tirelessly to enhance and make the season of Holy Convocation unique and memorable. The Holy Convocation is very spiritual, socially meaningful and one of the greatest religious events in the world. It has always offered preaching and various scholarly and ministry presentations. Saints, you cannot afford to miss the Convention. Commit yourselves and mark your calendars to attend the 103rd International Holy Convocation, November 8-16, 2010, and enjoy the Lord. Missouri is the "Show Me State," and the saints will definitely show up in record numbers to demonstrate the intent to have a blessed Convention. Be a part of history and attend the first International Holy Convocation conducted outside of Memphis, Tennessee. ☺





## Pastors and Elders To Convene in Memphis

Interim Chairman Isaiah Grover will lead the General Council of Pastors and Elders Conference to Memphis, Tennessee. The group made an emergency switch of cities due to administrative needs and a latent scheduling problem. The invitation by Presiding Bishop Charles Blake, Sr, to bring the meeting to Memphis, Tennessee was well received and appreciated. The General Board of Bishops sanctioned the previous site in an effort to support the convention and inspire the ranks of pastors and elders around the nation to attend. The annual meeting has long been the source of fellowship, training and inspiration for pastors and elders around the nation.

Superintendent Grover indicated he wanted to highlight COGIC talent and promote COGIC ministries during the convention. Pastor Grover has faithfully served as Vice Chairman for years. He was a part of every modern day council administration. He has been a rock of support to Chairman Solomon Williams, Bishop Newton and Derrick Hutchins. Chairman Grover hopes the

attendance will reflect the strength and commitment of the rank and file members of the group. Grover said, "More than ever it is necessary for our faithful membership to attend the conference in Memphis, Tennessee. We have a few concerns that we together can and will work through."

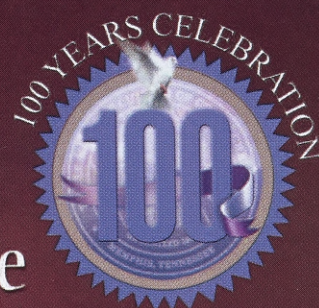
The Council will meet at the same time the general Church will dedicate the Lee Administration Building. Area Bishops will provide historic addresses, choirs and related activities. The Presiding Bishop will be dedicate the Lee Building and conduct a grand tour of the facilities. The World Headquarter Campus will be alive with crowds of saints and well wishers. The dedication will augment the celebration of Bishop C. H. Mason's Birthday, September 8 and enhance the General Council's conference. The Council's membership is encouraged to arrive early enough to attend all the services. ☺



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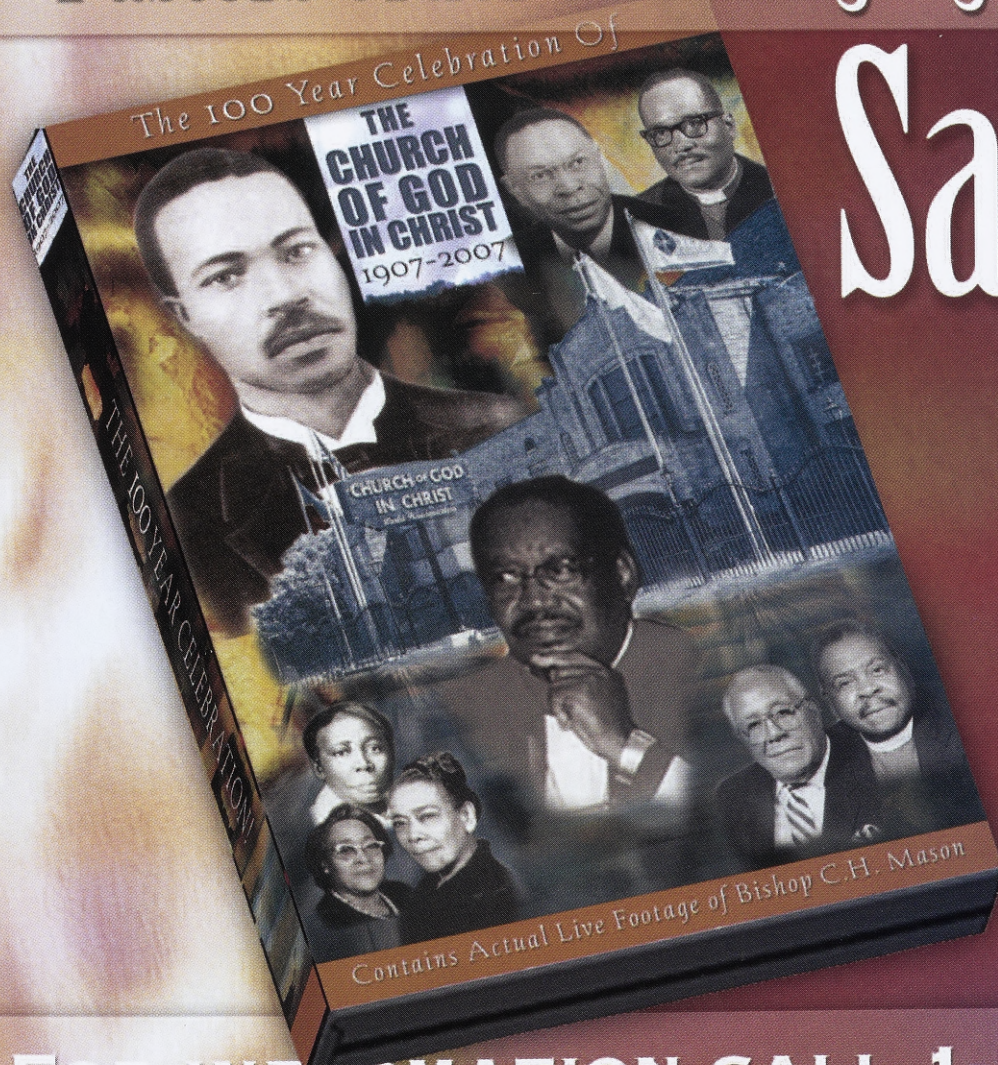
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# The Church Of God In Christ Department of Women Returns Home to Celebrate the 60th Women's International Convention/Crusade



Supervisor of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers led a great delegation

The City of Angels Meet  
(20,000 or 30,000?) of God's  
Sweetest Angels on Earth!

By Glenda Williams Goodson



Attorney B.J. McKinney addressed the crowd

You may think all conferences are the same. If so, you weren't in Los Angeles at the 60th Church Of God In Christ Women's International Convention (WIC) where seasoned, trained, spiritually and professionally prepared, sanctified, Spirit filled women gathered. The theme for the convention *Women of Wisdom Striving to Accomplish Great Things for our Great God* (Proverbs 31:12;; James 1:5 was expanded through informed messages and anointed forums.

Barbara McCoo Lewis, Host Supervisor along with the Supporting Supervisors welcomed the executive team with a dinner held at the beautiful Hale-Morris-Lewis Manor where the history of the convention was presented.



The Convention was an anointed shower of blessings

Imagine a prayer service involving women from around the globe and you begin to comprehend the power of the 12 hour shut-in which began Midnight Sunday night and lasted through Noon Monday. Mother Rivers explained that "the room held 2500 people and it was full.

Mother Frances Kelley and the Prayer warriors led us in a powerful prayer. We hope that the prayer and fasting and consecration will follow us home." The Executive Luncheon led by Mother Gertrude Young was well attended after which Mother

WIC is a busy time for both the advance team and those lieutenants directing ground activities. Prior to the official convening, Convention President Mother Willie Mae Rivers held a leadership conference for Supervisors and Assistant Supervisors. Later, Mother





Women on parade: Led by Mother Diane Bogan and Mother Carolyn Galbraith

Rivers and her executive staff brought new and old ideas together at the Leadership Conference, opened to all women. God gave Bishop Mason to find a leader to organize the women in 1911, beginning with Mother Lizzie Robinson. For almost 100 years the Department of Women has flourished under the capable leadership of the "National" Mothers. This year Mother Rivers wished to hear from her daughters, innovative ways they were leading and participating in the auxiliaries and bands. Women were furiously taking notes on ways, such as Mother Maxine Billingsley's idea to use technology such as webcams or Skypes for meetings, to get everyone involved in the work of the women's ministry. Evangelist Betty Nelson and the WIC music team presented well rehearsed and anointed music each night of the convention. It began Monday night, when Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, Dr. Dorinda Clark Cole and the entire WIC welcomed gospel artist Vickie Winans home during the Gospel explosion.

On Tuesday Dr. Maggie Gallagher of the National Organization for Marriage presented awards to Bishop Blake and Mother Rivers. "The organization was founded to stand for truth that you need a husband and wife to make a marriage. [I am] grateful to the Church Of God In Christ and present the 2010 Marriage Protection Award to Bishop Blake and Mother Rivers," she said. Mother Mary Tucker, Chairperson of the Willie Mae Rivers Scholarship Foundation awarded letters of intent totaling approximately \$15,000 to deserving students. After the first of three nights of colorful Banner Marches, it was time for the daughters of the Church Of God In Christ to hear from their Mom. Before playing

"Stand", Dr. Vernard Johnson announced that he has written his first book detailing the consecration God gave him to fast 1,000 days. Mother Gertrude Young, Chairperson of the Executive Committee inspired delegates as she introduced Mother Rivers, and First Lady Elizabeth Rhone sang "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know".

In each of her official settings Mother Willie Mae Rivers magnifies God with the song He gave to her: "All the glory, honor and praise belong to Him". In her message, taken from the convention's theme, she inspired her daughters. "The Christian woman is...striving to reach a goal. In order to accomplish great things, we must seek God's wisdom. In the beginning, God created Eve for a purpose [but] even when we fail God will give us a second chance. God moved through Mary. We must make a choice to carry out the legacy of our predecessors. God



Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr. and Supervisor Willie Mae Rivers blessed the children

cannot use foolish women. With God we can do great things. I am asking God to help us. Women let's band together. Where there is unity there is strength. Let's start at the local level. Women go [back home] fasting and in prayer, praise and power—these are our weapons. Don't let jealousy divide us. Our young people are depending on us. The saints are crying out, but Jeremiah called for the mourning women." She demonstrated how women should interact to effectuate change. "[We are] midwives and coaches. Let us push for Righteousness, Holiness, and a Good Life. (Isaiah 40:9) O Zion, what's the matter? Say to the world, Behold your God. Help cannot be found in police or governments. It comes from God. Get out of the valley of discouragement. Get



up on the mountain. Daniel 7:32.”

Through the WIC, care is given to reach women at all



The Sunshine Band: A women's ministry that has touched us all

levels and the 49 and Under Session is a prime expel of this. She fielded questions from among 2500 women who received wisdom in areas of fashion, self-respect and seeking God. In one poignant testimony, a police officer stated, “Last year when I attended, I was depressed, suicidal and twice tried to hang myself. I put the gun to my head then the fourth time I tried to pry the window open. Mother Rivers told us to pray. Now I have total deliverance. I want to live!” As the women praised the Lord for their sister, Dr. Juliet White began to dance. Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis exhorted the women that, “The breakthrough is here!” Look up to the heaven and say Fire!” With the atmosphere charged, National Evangelist Elect Lady Rita Womack used the guiding principles of change, challenge and focus to inspire evangelists to greater service. Regional Elect Ladies Diane North, (IA, IL, NO, WY, MN), Sarah Smith (26 jurisdictions in MS, AR, LA and TN) and Elizabeth Edward (15 jurisdictions of TX, AZ, NM) presented information on the responsibilities of the Jurisdictional elect lady, the call of the evangelist, and having the right attitude. Elect Lady Womack then shared a victorious defeat over the enemy. “The enemy attacked my body. I did not know I had 95 percent blockage of my heart....I had three tumors in my pancreas – rare form of cancer.” With glucose levels at 600, she asked God what was going on. “Today, I have no diabetes and no cancer!” The Spirit of deliverance rested as Finance Expediter Evangelist

Beverly Willis approached the podium. Then the Holy Ghost exploded and women got out of wheelchairs and deaf ears were opened. Supervisor Vanessa Gatlin began dancing and could not seem to stop. The women attempted to compose themselves as greetings were extended by Supervisor H. Perry. Then Mother Rivers brought a guest forward who had experienced diabetic complications and open heart surgery. “I was invited by Dr. Aileen Stingley. I wanted the Holy Ghost. I was praying in tongues and I didn’t know what I was doing. He said I needed to be here. Y’all COGIC have authority,” she said before being slain in the Spirit. Mother Lewis asked “How many of you want a refilling? Say, Lord fill me again!” and the waiting Holy Ghost broke out. Supervisors, Evangelists and others prayed for those women running to the front of the auditorium and were filled, refilled and set free.

“This year something special took place,” said Mother Rivers. “It was the vision of Mother Marilyn Cross to reenact with 200 saints in Chicago and travel [by train] for almost 3 days to Los Angeles.” Mother Rivers was taken to Riverside and at 8 am Monday morning she lighted off the Coffey-Rivers Glory Train in Los Angeles where they were met by an entourage led by Bishop Joe L. Ealy and Mother Barbara McCoo Lewis. Supervisor Marilyn



Supervisor Barabra McCoo Lewis exhorted the gathering of saints

Cross, Illinois Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, (Bishop Robert R. Sanders, Prelate) shared how God blessed her to realize her vision to have the Mother Willie Mae Rivers Glory Train roll into each women’s convention. “Today, we celebrate those who paved the way for us,”



she said. "In 1951 we were colored and at that time the civil rights were raging. On the 2010 Coffey-Rivers Glory Train, one Korean veteran praised God for where



Los Angeles, California welcomed the 60th Women's International Convention with style

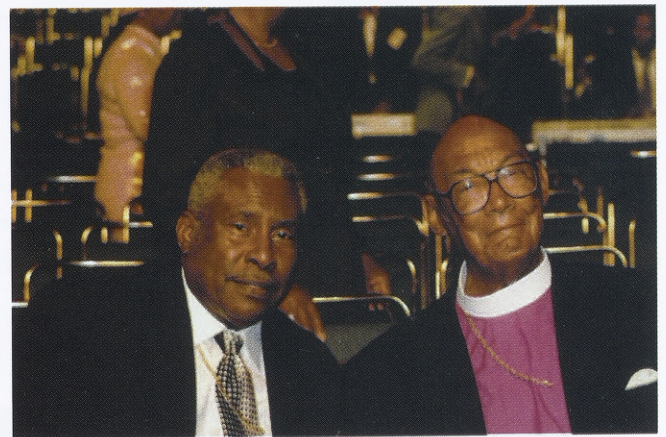
He has brought us from. We left Chicago Union Station Saturday with 14 Jurisdictions represented." Supervisor Cross introduced Mother Martha Dabbs who has been to every Women's Convention since 1951.

The well crafted forums included a grandmother (and foster parent to 10), who shared what to do when the unexpected happens. She explained that when she wished to take her multiethnic grandchild to church she had to obtain approval from Native American tribal leaders. National Nurse's President Anita Farrish cautioned Alzheimer's patient caregivers to respect their dignity but also know when the care giver needs help. Judge Mablean Ephraim presented *How to Survive Divorce and Widowhood*. Dr. Devon Jackson spoke on *Gender Identity*, urged women to pray for deliverance for those bound and at the same time cautioned that the saints must not engaged in gay bashing. Attorney April Forbes shared the church's zero tolerance policy on immoral sexual conduct urging leaders to conduct criminal background checks of volunteers. Mother Martha Parker, Supervisor of Nebraska brought a sobering message on *Creating an Atmosphere for God to Move*. "The Spirit of God seeks for the atmosphere of love and expectancy, not jealousy. We are not an ordinary church, but a holy church. According to I Chronicles 7:1-5, the Lord's glory will come in when we give Him sacrifice," she said.

On Friday, the Sunshine Band and Purity Class were at

their best under the leadership of International Presidents, Dr. Lytia Howard (Sunshine Band), Mother Thelma Cotton (Purity Class). Bishop Blake demonstrated the clear necessity of blessing the children by laying hands on them.

Friday night, one of the foreign missionaries testified to a miracle where God gave a Haitian village water from a well when experts said no water was to be found. Lady Vanessa Macklin, wife of 2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop Jerry Macklin introduced the beautiful and elegant First Lady of the Church Of God In Christ, Lady Mae Blake. She greeted the saints of the Lord and stated "...we are saved, sanctified and filled with a mighty burning fire!" and then celebrated the Lord in the dance. Each year International Business and Professional Women's Federation President Fran Miller Harris and her colleague present financial support to organizations assisting women and children. During this 60th year celebration, the BPWF gave \$1,000 to the His Sheltering Arms, \$2,000 to Canaan House Home for Women and \$2,000 to the Hale-Morris-Lewis-Manor. Mother Rivers appreciated many who worked to make the convention a suc-



California Bishops, Joe L. Ealy and F.J. Goodman were strong supporters

cess and commended Mother Lewis for her hard work in helping make the 60th convention the greatest. She acknowledged Supervisors who sacrificed to sponsor foreign delegates. "Even in South Carolina some ladies got together and sponsored three foreign delegates. Haiti still needs our help. Let's wear our St. John's a little longer and cut back on spending and support [Presiding Bishop Blake's efforts]. Our leaders who started our church saw that the auxiliaries and bands were to help



our church. I beg the pastors to give the women the opportunity to serve."



First Lady of Missouri Eastern Second, Shirley Wooten delivered the Word

First Assistant Presiding Bishop P.A. Brooks introduced the Honorable Charles E. Blake and Dr. Judith McAllister presented the sermonic selection. Bishop Blake began his remarks by assuring the delegates that "it is well. The enemy is trying to bring confusion but I hear the Lord saying it's all right." Thanking God for the leader of women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers, he commended her for convening a meeting where the fellowship had been rich and the worship powerful! He reminded the saints of Founder's Day in Memphis on September 8, 2010 when the newly renovated Lee Building would be dedicated. He shared that an invitation had been extended to President Barack Obama for the Holy Convocation.

Bishop Blake presented a masterfully constructed message, "Why We Should Live Holy," taken from Titus 2:11-14. He explained that Christianity is not so much as what we believe as it is about what we do. The listeners sat attentively as the Presiding Bishop said that sanctification means to be set apart for sacred use. Included in his nineteen points were the facts that God's objective is that His people would live holy, when you accept Christ, He sanctifies and makes you holy; people expect [us] to live holy, holiness folk don't waste a lot of money or a lot of time. Sin takes time. He further stated that your mind, life and spirit need holiness and God has invested much in your sanctification.

As the banner was furled, the grand women of the Church Of God In Christ looked toward Texas where they will come together in 2011 for great fellowship and an outpouring of the Spirit of Christ. ☸



The lady's conducted well attended Training Sessions

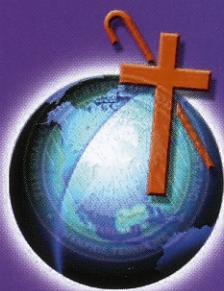


First Lady Mae Blake was a gracious and lovely host





# Women's International Convention

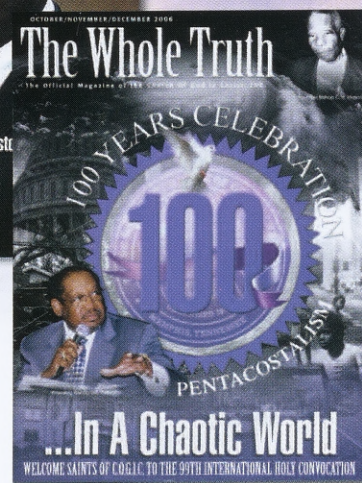
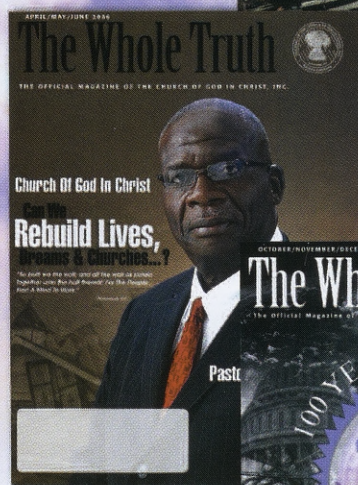
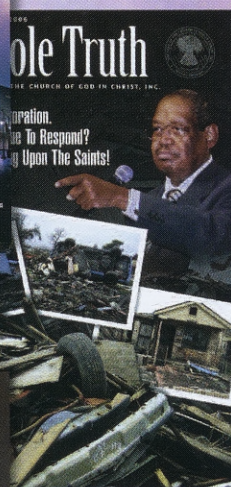
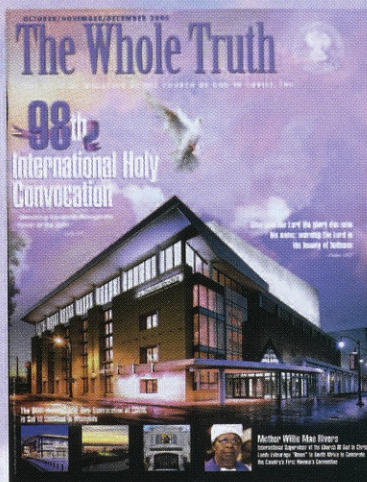


## *Going in the right Direction*

First let me say that I enjoyed seeing so many beautiful women of God in one place at the same time. Secondly, the meals were delicious. However, the conversations and fellowship at the table during breakfast and dinner were priceless. There were testimonies of God working in different situations and bringing victory to all who requested of Him. Thirdly, I enjoyed hearing the two ninety four year old mothers testify. Each word they spoke was saturated with the presence and power of God. When they were finished speaking, my heart burned within my chest for the witness of the grace and the power of God that dwelled within them. Lastly, but not least, I get excited thinking about it, five symposium speakers. Those ladies were "armed and dangerous". The topics were relevant, addressed intelligently and backed with the Word. Those Women of God exemplified walking the Word of God. I truly enjoyed this 60th Women's Convention.

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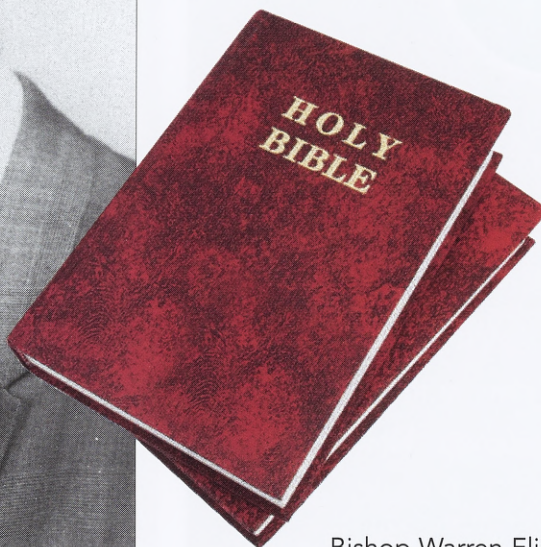


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# Ohio's Miller Rest with The Fathers



Bishop Warren Elijah Miller

Cleveland, Ohio - Bishop Warren Elijah Miller was the son of a noted pioneer in the life of the Church Of God In Christ. His father, Bishop U. E. Miller was the builder of Mason Temple. Born to a legacy of service, handed to him from Bishop Ulysses E. and Delphia Miller, Warren took advantage of his statue and left his own record of accomplishments. His life unfolded in duty, faithfulness and achievement at every level in the Church Of God In Christ. On June 3, 2010, God called his servant home to rest and the Church Of God In Christ is better for his having walked among us.

Warren was an energetic and precocious youth with many gifts. His Dad knew he was gifted and wanted Warren to serve God. Upon accepting the call to the ministry at Williams Temple, Bishop U. E. Miller asked God for a sign and Warren was the object of his decision to serve that congregation. Pastor U.E. Miller wanted his gifted son, Warren saved. God answered that prayer and the Millers have guided that instituted church for over 50 years. Warren resisted the call to ministry and became a successful building constructor who established himself among the elite of the industry. In 1957, after a season of prayer, the young Miller accepted the ministry and started his real efforts for the faith.

Bishop Miller found friends and fellowship with Elder Buford Terry and Elder Floyd Perry, who together preached revivals. They were known as the "Three Musketeers" and conducted soul saving revivals throughout the area. In 1963, now a strong and seasoned preacher, the Lord elevated Warren to serve Williams Temple after

the demise of Bishop U. E. Miller. He became the third pastor of Williams Temple Church Of God In Christ following the legendary Bishop Riley F. Williams and Bishop U.E. Miller.

As a family man, Bishop Miller shared marriage with his wife, Dorothy, for 63 years and to their union were born four children: Ronald, Yvonne Howard, Warren Ellis, Gregory Wayne. Also, he was the stepfather of Jerry Victor and Carolyn Curry.

On August 14, 1988 at the 72nd State Convocation in Cleveland, Ohio, Elder Miller was appointed Bishop-designate of the Second Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Northern Ohio, now Central Jurisdiction of Ohio. He was consecrated later that year in Memphis, Tennessee. As a servant of the Church Of God In Christ, Bishop Miller produced at every level serving as Chairman of the Board of Superintendents in Ohio North, a member of the Board of Directors of the Saints Center Corporation, an instructor in the Bible Seminar on Bus and Soul Winning Ministry (International Holy Convocation) and a member of the National Planning Board and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Bishop Miller was a friend and confidante of Presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. Bishop Warren Miller was involved deeply in the life and times of the Church Of God In Christ.

On the morning of June 3, 2010, God called him home to rest. Bishop Miller was honored by his colleagues and the Saints of God from around the world. One can never replace a personality like him but can enjoy the benefits of his legacy. Such is the case of Bishop Warren Elijah Miller. ☪



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Andrew Smith, the third of 11, has a business and mediation law practice. He serves as a financial and technology consultant, chairperson of a community development corporation and is a pro bono attorney with a legal defense group. Elder Andrew serves the church in various capacities. He and his wife, Corliss, live in New Jersey, and have three children, Chyncia, Travia and Christopher.

Melvin James Smith, Sr., the eighth of 11, manages a personal injury law practice. Superintendent Smith is the pastor of Nazareth Temple COGIC, a ministry that includes a school, tutorial services, banquet facilities, family services and radio outreach. He is the CFO and legal advisor to Eastern Missouri First Jurisdiction under Bishop R.J. Ward. He also serves on the Screening, Members and Affiliate Churches and Urban Initiatives committees of the National Church. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have twins, Melvin Jr. and Carrington.

Amos Smith, the ninth of 11, spearheads a tax law practice. He is an ordained elder within the church and serves at St. Luke COGIC in Chicago, where his pastor and Jurisdictional Prelate is Bishop James C. Austin, Sr. In 2008, Elder Amos was elected to the National Board of Trustees for the Church of God In Christ. Elder Amos lives in Chicago with his wife, Lisa Winters-Smith, M.D., and their sons, Amos and Austin.

Timothy Jeremiah Smith, Sr., the youngest sibling, is a founding criminal law partner with Rudman & Smith, LLC. His prior career experiences include that of a labor relations representative in the auto industry and a prosecutor for the City of St. Louis. In 2009, he accepted the call to pastor and founded the thriving new ministry, New Life Community COGIC. Pastor Timothy lives in the St. Louis area with his wife, Missionary Evelyn Smith, and their three sons, Timothy Jr., Caleb and Joel.

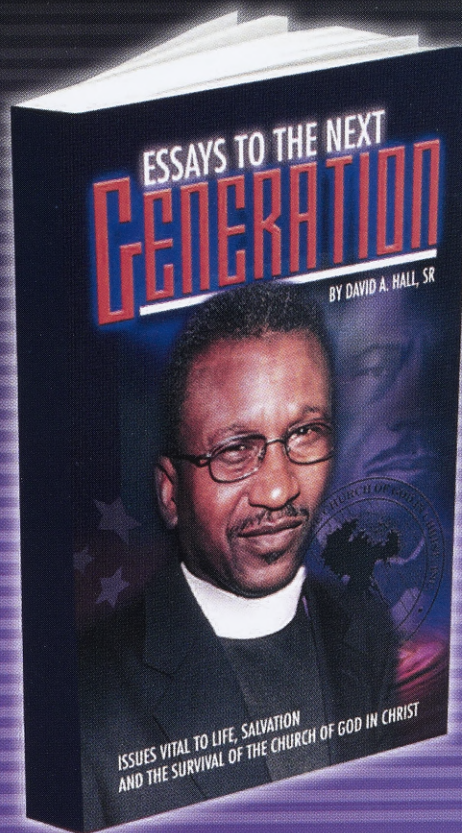
While these four men managed to follow their legal ambitions and answer the call to ministry, all of their siblings serve as a testament to the power of a praying mother: Evangelist Evelyn Givens is a school administrator and Youth President for the Eastern Missouri Jurisdiction; Willie Smith III is a mechanic; Evangelist Shirley Peterson is a social worker; Carolyn White, Marolyn Tabor, Deacon Michael Smith and Dr. Linda Smith are all educators. ☛

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## WHOLE TRUTH INTERVIEW

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### DR. BARBARA MCCOO LEWIS

California First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction was the site of the founding of the Church Of God In Christ Women's International Convention (WIC) in 1951. Envisioned by The Dreamer, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffey in 1950, the women gathered for educational, spiritual and business training while undergirding the work of the church's burgeoning Missions Department. Mother Coffey looked West as she would need to count on Mother L.O. Hale to galvanize hundreds of women in this grand undertaking. The year 2010 marked the 60th year celebration of that seminal event and International Mother Willie Mae Rivers again looked West to another dreamer and visionary California Supervisor, Dr. Barbara McCoo Lewis, grand lady of California First. She took time from her busy scheduled to chat with The Whole Truth Associate Editor, Glenda Williams Goodson.

**First of all, let me say that you're just too much. You had the oversight of galvanizing hundreds of women into viable committees yet each time we saw you, you were cool, calm and collected. How do you make everything look so easy?** Evangelist Goodson, as always, you are so kind. I truly cherish and daily seek the peace of God in my life. However, this endeavor was never a solo effort. Special recognition must go to the exceptional saints of Southern California First Jurisdiction who worked untiringly. The Bishops, Bishop's Wives and dedicated Supervisors of California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington State (home of the distinguished Mother Gertrude Young) bonded together with a resolve to "make it happen." We had a tremendous "dream team" which secured the success of our assignment.

**What did it feel like to be the Managing Supervisor of this historic convention?** Admittedly, a bit unsettling at first. God bless the memory of Mother Elizabeth Nash who allowed me to walk close by her side ten years ago as she served as Host Supervisor. My reflections of some of the pivotal steps she took coupled with con-

tinued collaboration with the capable Co-Hosting Supervisors eased the weight of my responsibility.

**Was there anything that you felt a little intimidated about?** Without diminishing the magnitude of the project, all I can say is God's Word fortified me from day one. I began to daily quote Proverbs 16:3- "Commit thy works unto the Lord and thy thoughts shall be established." That one passage kept me grounded and at peace. As the time drew near some days I would be inundated with a plethora of concerns. The Lord would wake me "early" in the mornings and either through His written Word or a soft word of instruction in my ear give me ideas and directions. I kept a writing pad and pen by my bed and would immediately pen the "how to's" and solutions to pending dilemmas. Frequent exchange through telephone conversations with Supervisor Emma Person, who kept things together in the North and Supervisor Joan Walker, who co-anchored with me in the South were a part of my weekly routine.

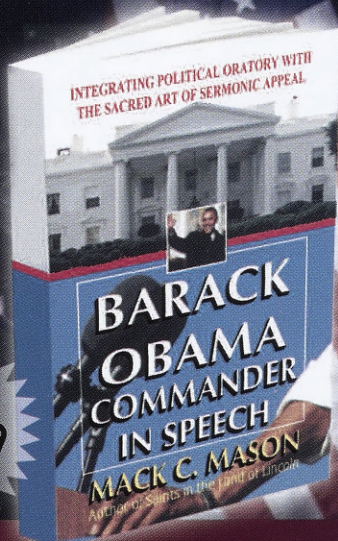
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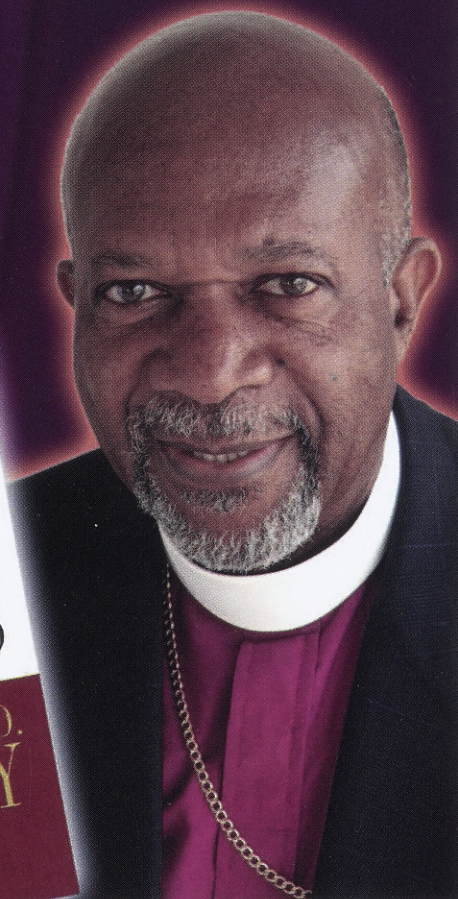
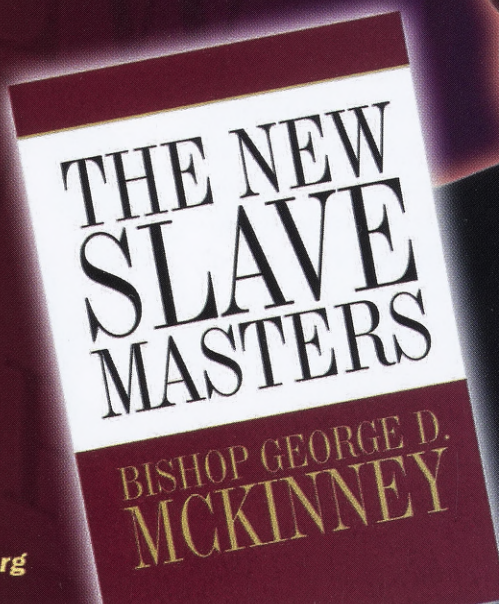


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Church Of God In Christ women are somebody. There was such a degree of professionalism displayed beginning when we came into LAX and greeters met us, at the hotel additional greeters were there. You have a newly appointed Jurisdictional leader, Bishop Joe L. Ealy. Describe his leadership in directing the saints to work with your dream team. With less than five months as Bishop and all of the other new responsibilities he faced as our leader, Bishop Ealy immediately began to inquire about what was necessary to make the convention, a success. We both knew that not only as Host Bishop and Supervisor of the Convention but with our Presiding Bishop and First Lady Blake being a part of Southern California First Jurisdiction.....nothing less than maximum efforts was required. Bishop's leadership, continued support and encouragement played a significant role. Upon the arrival of Mother Rivers he graciously and warmly welcomed her along with myself and others at the airport.

**What's it like to work with Mother Willie Mae Rivers on a project of this scope?** Mother Rivers is a working Convention President and General Supervisor. She is actively involved and meticulous with details in every aspect of the planning process of the Women's International Convention/Crusade. Her motherly concern for the women at every age level is always evident.

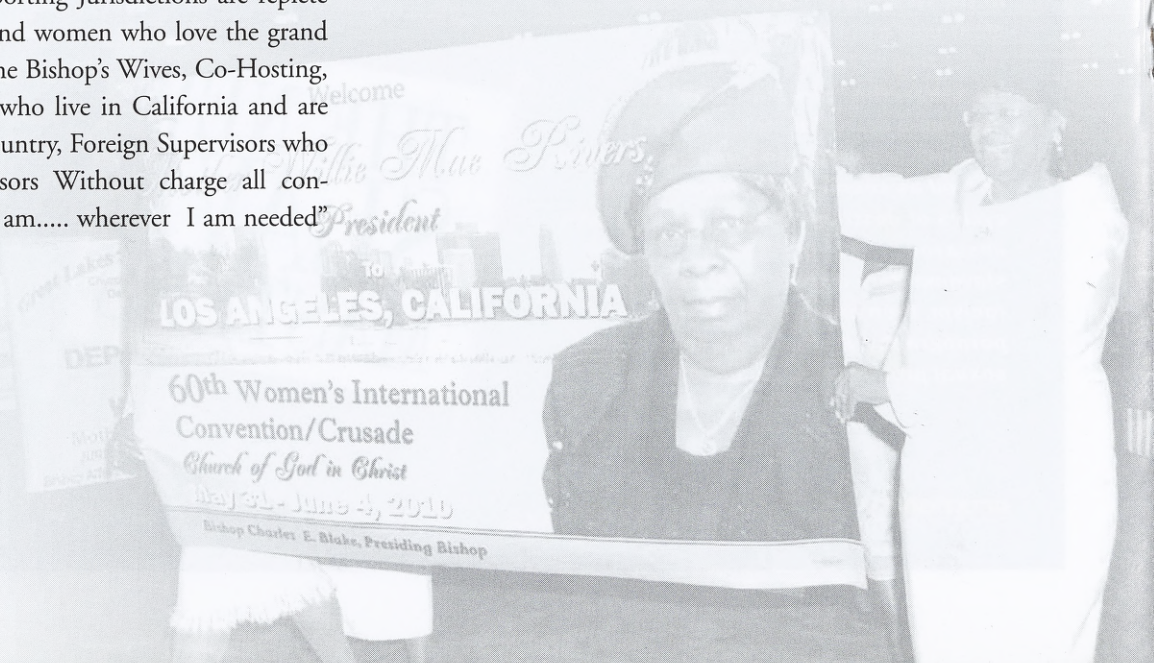
**How long did you have to prepare for the women of valor coming in from all over the world to the Women's International Convention?** We learned that Los Angeles had been selected as the 2010 convention site approximately one and a half years prior.

**The supporting Supervisors looked wonderful in their shades of purple during the "Showers of Blessings." What role did your supporting Jurisdictional Supervisors and others play?** Purple is Mother's favorite color. That was our way of honoring her in a special way during the "Love Shower." "Everybody Worked"! The designated Host, Co-Hosts and Supporting Jurisdictions are replete with astute and committed men and women who love the grand ole' Church Of God In Christ. The Bishop's Wives, Co-Hosting, Supporting, Resident Supervisors who live in California and are Supervisors in other areas of the country, Foreign Supervisors who reside in California and Supervisors Without charge all contributed financially with a "Here I am..... wherever I am needed" attitude.

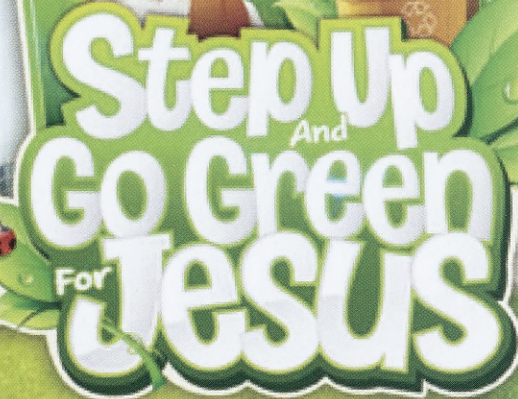
**I see that the home you founded, Hale-Morris-Lewis, was a recipient of one of Convention's Business and Professional Women financial awards. How is that going?** As Chairman of the Board of Directors let me express how honored we were to be among those considered by Mother and the Business and Professional Women's Federation. The goal is to provide a Community Computer Training Center within the walls of the Hale-Morris-Lewis Senior Complex that will benefit the tenants (75% COGICs) and include members of the community. The generous contribution(s) have been added to our Seed Fund for the launching of this new program. For the past seven years we have been blessed to reach thousands with our Annual Community food, clothes, toys and multiple other resources "give away" on the parking lot. To God Be The Glory!

**You're an innovator and always have strategic plans to move the work of ministry forward. As a writer and author, are you planning on any books to assist those individuals who may not attend professional meeting planning conferences, offering tips on planning a meeting of this magnitude?** The National Steering Committee provided a detailed guide sheet of requirements which assisted us greatly. Thank you, Evangelist Goodson. I will consider this confirmation. We maintain a month by month journal of the hosting end of the process and will put the wheels in motion to submit this suggestion to the National Steering Committee for their consideration!

**As the Convention's International Marshall, I love the way you obey the Lord to allow the Spirit to saturate attendees. Where in the world will your obedience take you in the future?** Evangelist Goodson my highest ambition in my walk with the Lord is to hear Him say "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant"! ☪







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# First Annual Publishing Board Golf Tournament

Pastor Reggie Witherspoon, chairman of the tournament was pleased with the turnout and welcomed the teams that represented jurisdictions from around the country. "AIM [Auxiliaries In Ministries] is a great meeting that brings hundreds of youth and auxiliary workers from around the country. Our tournament provides time of relaxation and fellowship for the convention goers who wants more than a shopping trip or simple down time." Elder Witherspoon was thankful for the support of AIM Chairman, Bishop Drew Sheard, Elder Keith Kershaw and Elder Ethan Sheard. Locally, Bishop C.L Anderson and Superintendent Juan Goodson played tremendous roles in the success of the tournament.

The tournament had bishops, elders and layman participating. There was a young man 13 years of age participated in the field of players. Each person received a gift bag that our Chief Sponsor; Chrysler Corporation, generously filled with items. Chrysler demonstrated its commitment to the faith community with their presence. Four Chrysler executives spent the day and later that evening meeting with Church officials and enjoying the numerous activities of AIM.

The tournament was a two flight affair and 1st-3rd places were awarded:

1. First Place Team in the First Flight: Team - Bishop Martin Luther Johnson, Bishop Robert Sanders, Tim Johnson and David Hall, Jr. (Winning Score: 68)
2. Second Place Team in the First Flight: Team- Bishop Charles

Connor, Joe Chase, Greg Nelson and Gerald Lewis

3. Third Place Team in the First Flight: Team- Reggie Cooper, Alonzo Johnson, Fred Davis and Myles Simpson

Winners of the Second Flight: 1st-3rd were awarded:

1. First Place Team in Second Flight: Team-Bishop Roger Jones, Bishop Brandon Porter, Terrance Chapman and Sid Oliver (Winning Score: 72)
2. Second Place Team in Second Flight: Team-Bishop Ronald Hoston, Theopolis Woodley, Bill Dixon
3. Third Place Team in Second Flight: Team-Keith Brand, Dez Phifer, Damon Lester and Amos Smith
4. Closest to the Pin Winner: Calvin Miller
5. Longest Drive Winner: Herbert Davis
6. Putting Contest Winner: Sid Oliver

At the Awards Banquet, located in the Embassy Suites Ballroom, the sponsors addressed the gathering. Mr. Marcus A. Foreman, Network Diversity & Dealer Development of Chrysler Corporation handed out awards and accolades. Mr. Randy Poindexter of Bojangles had a representative to address the gathering.

Chairman John Daniels praised the Chrysler Corporation as a global company with an eye for developing an enduring and fruitful relationship with the Church Of God In Christ. Attorney Daniels is spearheading the complete overhaul and development of publishing operations and ministries. He has set a bold new course for the business. ☺



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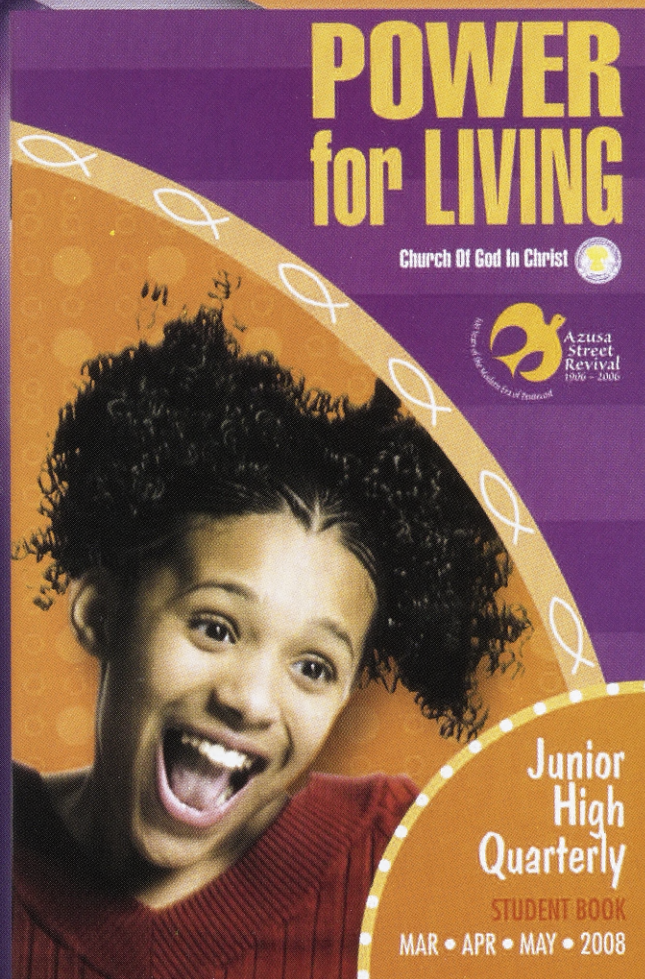
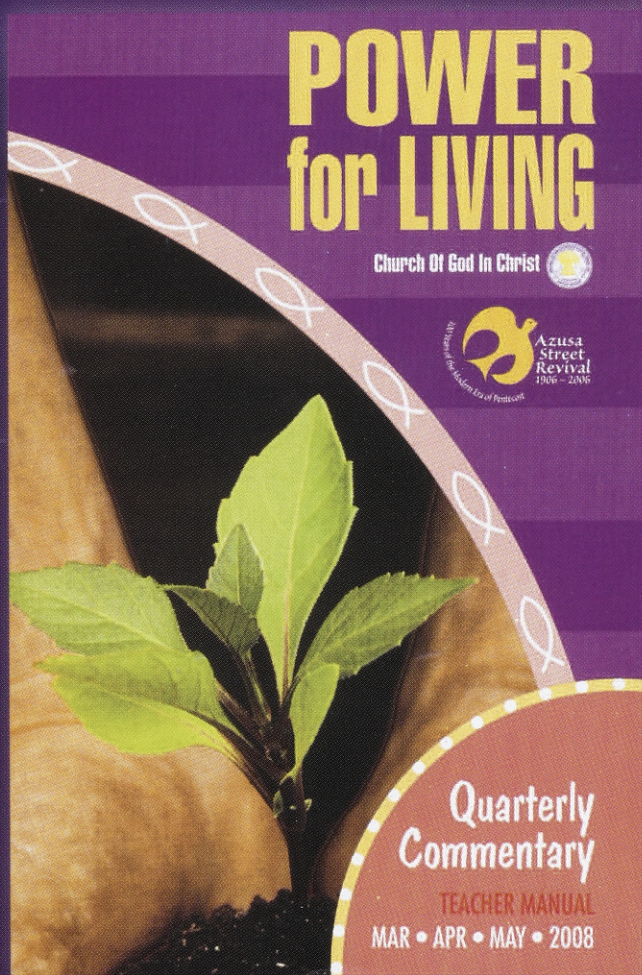
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*The Smith Brothers*

*"He's Sweet I know, He's Sweet I know ... dark clouds may rise, and strong winds may blow .... But I'll tell the world, wherever I go, that I've found a Savior and He's sweet I know." –A. Jackson*

As attention turns to the Gateway City during the Holy Convocation this year, here we highlight one St. Louis family that has left its mark in business and ministry thanks to one remarkable sanctified woman.

Though strong winds blew in the life of Mother Lucille Smith of St. Louis, Mo., she did her best to shield her 11 children from them. A rocky marriage early on often meant that the kids experienced hardships, including living in subpar housing and sometimes even going to bed hungry.

Yet, even when her husband abandoned the family, Mother Lucille remained resolute. She planted seeds of faith in her children, deeply igniting a can-do-it spirit, so that despite their secondhand hand-me-downs and cramped living quarters, they always knew they could have more.

Late at night and early in the morning, Mother Lucille often sang, "He's Sweet I Know." A second generation

member of the Church of God in Christ and native of Clarksdale, Miss., she faithfully served in ministry, first at Memorial Temple COGIC and then at Bostick Temple COGIC (both in St. Louis). She saw to it that her children were active and faithful in church, too.

Although life was no crystal stair for her (Mother Lucille only completed the 11th grade), she prayed fervently for the spiritual and personal success of each of her children. She believed fully in the God of Great Vision and Great Accomplishments (a phrase adopted as the Presiding Bishop's 2010 theme) and hoped that one day, her sons – many with biblical names – would become gospel preachers.

Mother Lucille passed away in 1987 before her stored-up prayers were realized. Yet, God was faithful. While the lures of the streets were innumerable, by His grace, the Smith children bypassed them. Thanks to their mother's example, 10 of the 11 children accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and the majority of them earned one or more college degrees. Moreover, four of Mother Lucille's sons have emerged as leaders in the legal community and, more excitingly, within the ranks of the Church of God in Christ body – proving that upstanding Christians and successful businessmen could be one in the same.

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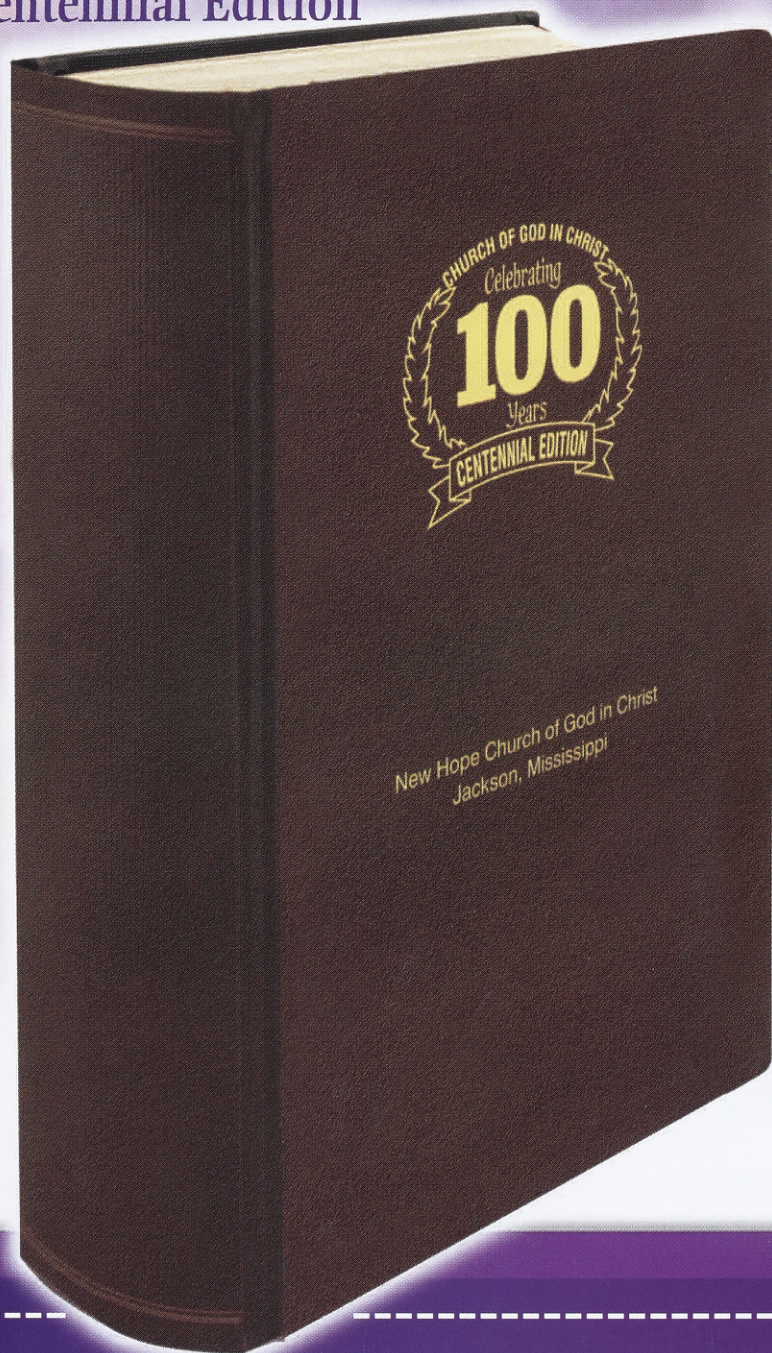


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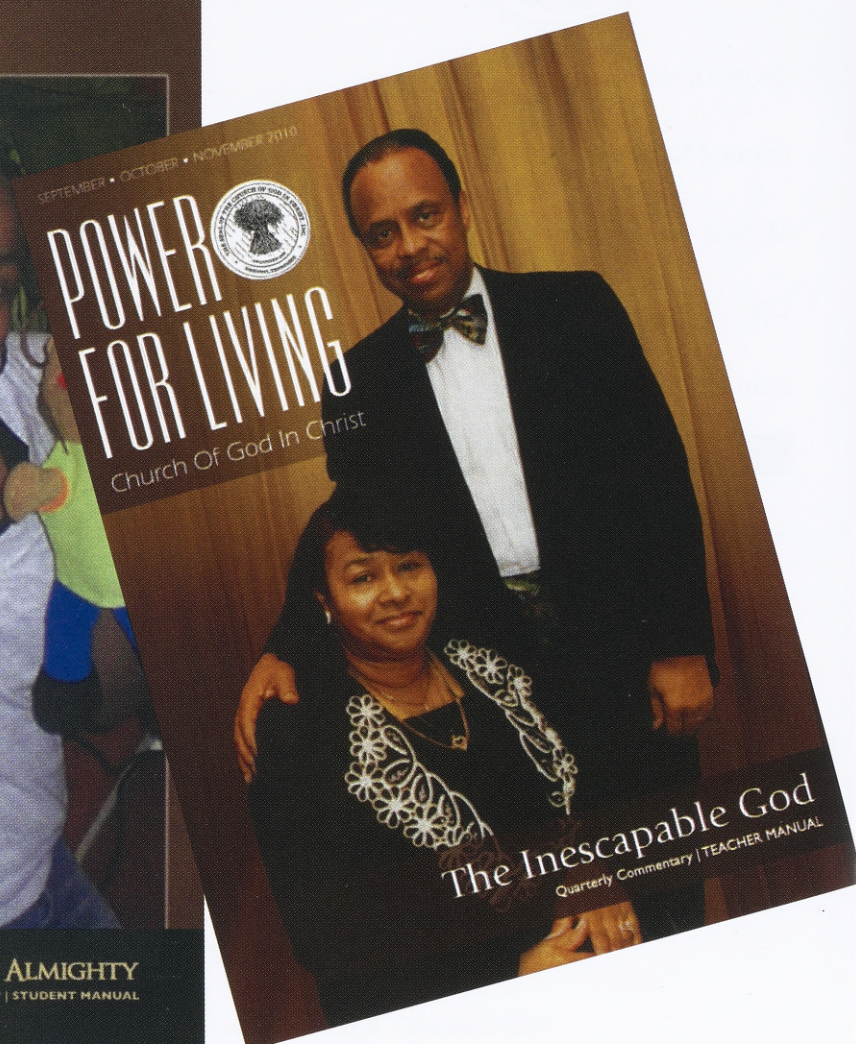
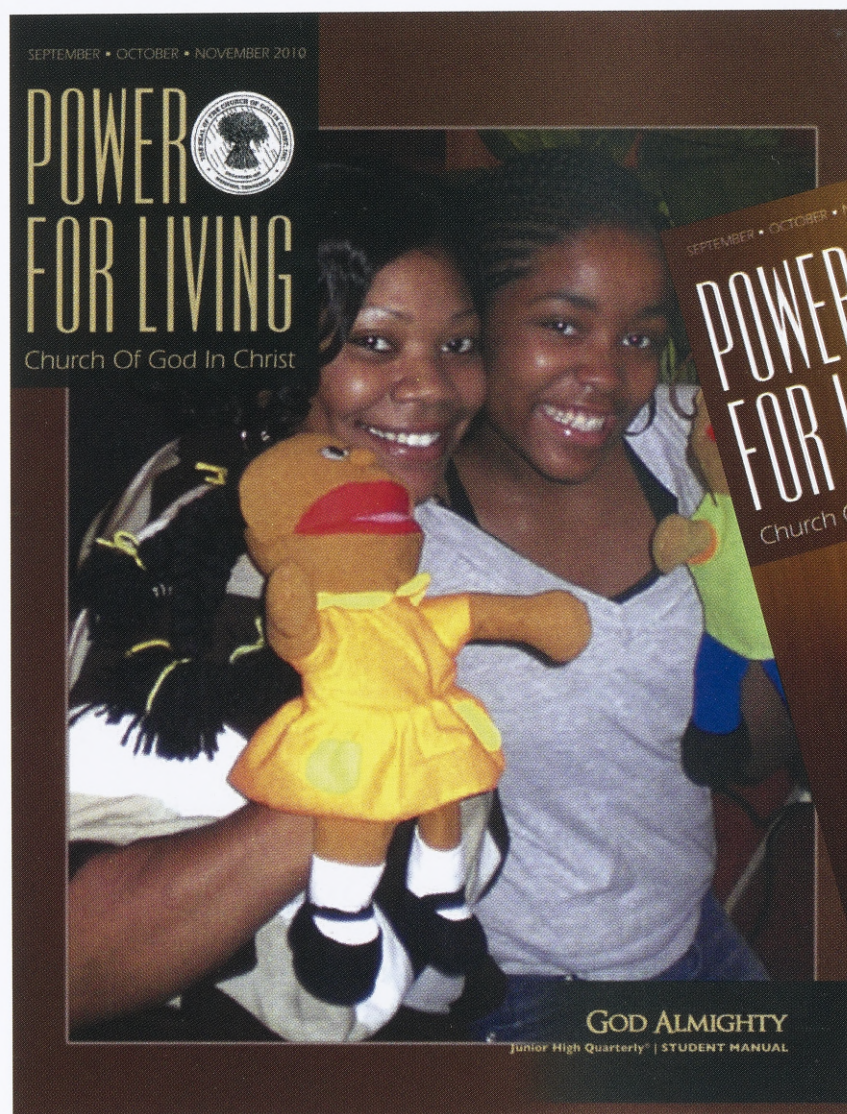
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Dr. David A. Hall, Sr., CEO of the Publishing House has offered a 15% discount for any church switching from

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# The Layman's Report Key to Loyalty Drive





More than ever the Church Of God In Christ needs the laity to demonstrate their loyalty to the Church. The years 2009-2010 have been economically devastating upon the land and the Church. Couple the tremendous devastation of the Haiti Earthquake and mounting financial problems due to education, organizational operations and legal situations, the Church is experiencing some tough going. Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr is confident and positive because he knows the Church Of God In Christ is in God's hands. The financial blessing, so badly needed, is there.

September 8, 2010, the Church Of God In Christ will convene activities in Memphis, Tennessee. The Church will gather to rededicate the Lee Administration Building, celebrate the birth of Bishop Charles Harrison Mason and collect Lay Reports. From these events, it is hoped that revenue generated would cover the cost of education and missions. Both of these departments are growing as the Church grows. No one can afford to not fund education. Everything in Black history suggests that education has been a main and basic tool in developing the Church. Certainly, the missions of the Church have become worldwide and there are so many persons depending upon the Church for support.

Presiding Bishop Blake addressed a key group of area bishops in Memphis as he explained the Churches needs. Some 40,000 lay persons responded last year and paid the Loyalty Report. Of course, that report was very short of projected revenue needed to fund the Church's ministries. The Church Of God In Christ is reported to have 6 million members. The vast majority of members don't pay the Lay Report. There is a need for 2 million dollars or more to fund education and missions. Increasing the report numbers is essential to the success of the Church. Bishop Blake hopes to stir the loyalty of COGIC members to celebrate Bishop

Mason's memory and become inspired enough to support the Loyalty Drive.

The area Bishops agreed the Loyalty Drive is significant and worthy of their support. In attendance were Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Bishop Sedgwick Daniels, Bishop Brandon B. Porter, Bishop Frank Anderson, Bishop Jewel Withers, Bishop Albert Jordan, Bishop James Scott, Bishop Hollis Musgrove, Jerry Maynard and Bishop George Adebajo. These men and selected administrative assistants converged on Memphis to plan and strategize to make a program for the Annual Mason Day event. The area bishops left resolute that our leaders goals and objectives would become their own.

Bishop Daniel's communicated with a clarion reality how important the Lay Report truly is guided those assembled to plan Founder's Day . A successful Founder's Day and loyalty Drive will assure the continued support for missions and education. The Bishops discussed how the reports would provide much needed financial resources at a critical time. The Church Of God In Christ has missions active in more than 40 nations. The growth and development of COGIC ministries in foreign fields is outstanding. There are two institutions of higher learning depending upon the financial resources, the C.H. Mason Theological Seminary and the All Saints Bible College. The Bible College is approaching the final stages for approved academic accreditation and newly developing digital classes.

The subcommittee planned a splendid day long program. An extended committee headed by Bishop Brandon Porter was asked to pursue development of the September 8th event in its finest detail. Saints from around the country will arrive in Memphis and be entertained, inspired and joyful about the day. It is anticipated that hundreds will gather for the celebration. ☉



# Report on the Status of Haiti

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Indianapolis, Indiana – Elder Elton Amos, MD has been given the task of administering the Haitian Charities and Relief efforts for the Church Of God In Christ. Since the devastating earthquake occurred, Dr. Amos and a staff of doctors, medical professionals and missionary volunteers have been on the ground to heal the pain and suffering in the Island nation.

The Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake, Sr., recently returned from an on-site visit and was astounded by the destruction and the continued misery of the people. He is glad that our Church among others sent medicine, food and various types of aid to support the recovery of the nation. Presiding Bishop Blake preached and inspired the population to continue its efforts to heal and move forward. Dr. Amos was one of Presiding Bishop Blake's early and effective appointments. Much labor and sharing have been provided by the saints.

Dr. Amos has submitted the following recommendations for the Church Of God In Christ's continued efforts:

1. The Church should maintain control over the locations where community, social and medical missions are

ongoing. Possible funding and support from Non-Governmental Organization's will be better managed by Church professionals.

2. The Church should approach the Red Cross for available funding for upgrading of medical facilities, building of schools, orphanages and housing quarters. The Church Of God In Christ is becoming recognized as a responsible and meaningful agency.

3. The newly constructed National Temple in Haiti should be utilized for more than an occasional worship site. It can better serve the Haitian people as a Social Center and may be sponsored by notable philanthropic groups.

4. COGIC Global Health and Wellness should have oversight of the orphanage.

5. The Haitian situation needs to be administered from a "Post Earthquake Relief" status. The continued funding of projects and missions is needed, but with an eye to move the nation and the Church back to self-reliance and productivity. ☺



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Full Gospel COGIC	Houston	TX	\$1,000.00	St. Luke Church of God In Christ	Olive Branch	MS	\$3,000.00
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# Texas Southeast First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction





Houston, Tx – Bishop Rufus Kyles, Jr. demonstrated that Texans do everything bigger. The saints in Texas attended their 38th Holy Convocation and Auxiliaries in Ministry Conference, July 26-30th, 2010. The event was conducted at the Hilton Houston North (Greenspoint) Hotel. Bishop Kyles selected “Soaring To Higher Dimension With A Great God, Great Vision and Great Accomplishments” as the convention theme. The gathering was sizable as the jurisdiction’s faithful registered for the convention and made each day a banner event. The combination of Convocation and AIM placed the entire ranks of officials, departmental leadership and saints as a whole on notice that Texas does its things large and well. The workshops and departmental training seminars kept the saints busy throughout the week. Bishop Kyles said, “The days are filled with splendid worship and preaching. I have attempted to promote attendance in this hotel for the purpose of exciting and cultivating greater interest. The Jurisdictional Convocation should be special!”

Texas Southeast First Jurisdiction’s First Lady, Louisa Kyles set the convention on fire with a message during Thursday’s plenary session. It is interesting to see how God can inspire a thought in a person’s mind; and it comes so fresh and forceful that its meaning is hard to compare with other words. That afternoon, Sister Kyles turned the number 38 into a special digit. First Lady Kyles dealt with the significance of holiness and discipline in the life of a saint, and then, she informed the faithful that for thirty eight years, Texas Southeast has kept the faith. After she took her seat with the crowd in a spiritual tumult, everyone there knew how rare the moment was.

Evangelist Shane Perry and Bishop Samuel E. Iglehart were scheduled speakers. The young Perry is unusual because he is a Caucasian Elder with a powerful, anointed preaching style. His voice and mannerisms is very much as “African-American Holiness” in sound and the substance of his message has that raw urban dynamic that embraces a folksy appeal. Bishop Iglehart preached with wisdom and power. The veteran pulpiter stood

tall, in the hour of ministry to the needs of a waiting and anxious crowd. The Bishop truly preached under the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost! The very special guest of the convention was Presiding Bishop Charles Blake, Sr. The Presiding Bishop was received by the gathered throng. His presence and words inspired the convocation and was the hot conversation of the week. His Grace, the Presiding Bishop has been traveling for the length of the Summer but seems to have great energy.

Supervisor of Women, Mother Lena McClain assembled the ladies of Texas Southeast for an inspiring and well structured worship. The entire day was special and revealed why Mother is progressive and favored among the ranks of Supervisors.

Possibly, the greatest surprise of the convention was the Super Sunday School. Jurisdictional Sunday School Superintendent, Terrence Kirk pulled the Jurisdiction together for a crowded enthusiastic assembly. Elder Kirk conducted Sunday School with a twist. The Friday gathering had representatives from the four regions of the Jurisdiction in class. With more than 100 congregations in Texas Southeast Jurisdiction, Elder Kirk utilized talent from every quarter of the Jurisdiction. He inspired and excited persons who are long term Sunday School workers. The event was a wonderful conclusion to the AIM in the Jurisdiction.

Elder Kirk is the local Sunday School Superintendent for the Williams Temple Church Of God In Christ. That venerable congregation is switching over to COGIC Sunday School Curriculum. Williams Temple is one of the first major congregations to make the switch. Dr. David A. Hall, Sr. CEO of the Church Of God In Christ Publishing House made a personal appearance and attended the Super Sunday School event. Dr. Hall informed the large gathering that curriculum, customer service and delivery have all been enhanced. He encouraged all churches not using the literature to reconsider and sign up. Dr. Hall announced a 15% discount campaign for those who switch over. ☺





## Church Of God In Christ

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*Bishop Charles Harrison Mason*



*Jesus, everyday, the word of Him calling,  
 the gift of God working, everywhere He's calling  
 giving us to come and see the word  
 of His wonders here with these.*

*Heal the sick ones and give these saying Yes, to God.  
 I will Lord, I will Lord, I will glorify your name,  
 I, will say I will.*

*The mind of God in Christ,  
 the Word of God in Christ,  
 the wisdom of God In Christ  
 confirming His Word here.*

*Woman, Jesus deliver you, cast the devil out!  
 Heal the sick everywhere.  
 Heal here, heal everywhere.  
 Heal! Heal today!*

*The Word of your wonder, heal!  
 The Word of your will, heal!*

*The gift of your name cast out devils.*

*The everywhere of God!  
 The wonder of Him here today.*

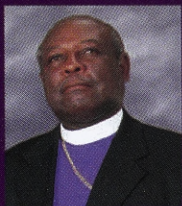
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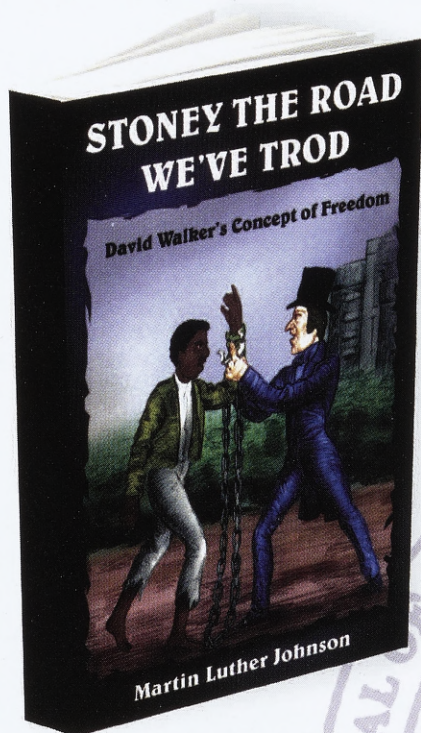
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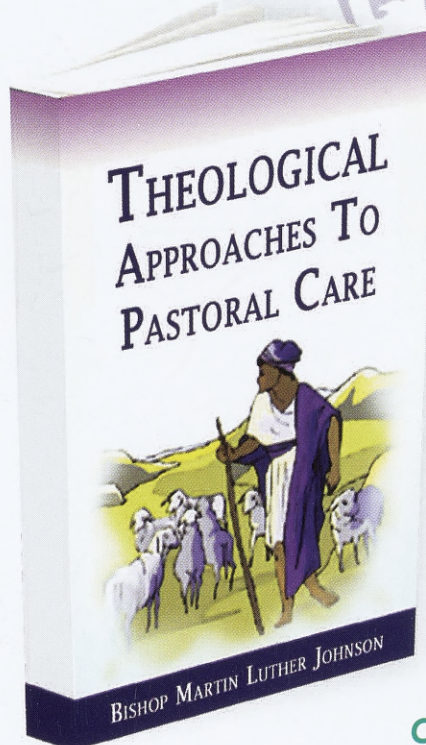
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